

Surely this is unreasonable. The G.I. need not exactly be dressed in the same style as the president at the same time.

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AA VIIA:--All these assets are paid into the Memorial Fund Manager, monthly.

sense of despondency cannot be avoided

There have been a number of pensions granted, and some have been paid, but very imprudently, some in the interests of private parties. Officers have been got rid of before the expectation of pensions that have afterwards never been paid. Old men have had to face poverty, and even poverty, who have been allowed to pass half their lives in the service of the Government. This has been done under contract; and it is affirmed the contract is not binding on the one side—that is, on the side of the public. We brush aside all pretensions of contract at the letter of the engagement is kept. Government presenting a false calculation.

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the Government of Victoria on the policy of adopting narrow-gauge railways. In continuation of these reports another has recently been received from an American engineer, Mr. W.

EVANS, of New York. It has arrived too late to affect the decision, as the Victorian Assembly has already resolved upon what the narrow gauge affords no advantages that would compensate for the inconveniences of a break. The letter of Mr. EVANS, although arriving too late to assist the discussion, confirms the decision. His argument throughout is strongly against the new policy that was proposed. He claims to speak as one having some experience. He is interested as an engineer in the proposed line and equipment of 21 feet

struction and equipment of a 34-foot gauge railway in Costa Rica, one of the same gauge in Chili, and one of 3 feet in Peru; but he points out that they are mountain railways, where gradients of 1 in 25 and 1 in 25 are a necessity, where curves of 200 to 300 feet radius are re-

sired, where they have no communication with lines of another gauge, and where they are not likely to be overburdened with traffic. They, therefore, form no models for the trunk lines or even the branch lines of an Australian colony. The fitness of a narrow-gauge line for any purpose, even for the accommodation

mines or mineral districts do not prove their fitness for ordinary roads, or for ordinary traffic in general. But though constructing and equipping these special lines, he insists that they present special difficulties to the engineer. Those connected with the construction of the rolling-stock, he expects to him to be the greater, the more he contemplates them, and particularly regarding obtaining stability, safety, and

As to the alleged popularity of the narrow-gauge lines in America, Mr. EVANS says that there are but few being built, and only one of very great length, namely, the Denver and Rio

range line, west of the Mississippi. There is one projected, from Kansas, through Memphis to Mobile, and another called the Arkansas Central. But there is none in the Eastern, Middle, or Southern States of any importance, nor does he know of any likely to be built. Several that have been proposed have been dropped; and one, projected from Texas by General BUELL, an engineer of more than thirty years' experience, has been abandoned, that civil engineers have been chosen

Mr. EYANS put the case between the two.

guges in the form of forty-four questions, and though he does not give the answers it is clear that he expects them to be all unfavourable to the lighter line, and practically, therefore, these questions virtually amount to forty-four reasons against it. He warns us, too, against assuming that the low price sometimes quoted

Mr. EVANS is totally at issue with those who
at the break of gauge as a trivial evil.

e quotes from a partner of Mr. BRASSEY strong condemnation of it, as a sad policy. The evil of which every country that has adopted it has ultimately seen, and he says that the Russian engineers are not inclined to extend the experiment they have already

He further adds that, in order to get a cheap one, there is no real necessity to rush into a narrow gauge; and it is here where the Australians might learn so much from American experience, instead of blindly following the English style. He says that in America

everything is dearer than in England, where money is scarcer and population is sparser, but they make their lines pay a better interest, though their tariff is lower. They have studied economy in the first construction, adding appliances and improving as the trade justifies it. I agree. "You say, as circumstances call for

ballast the road, flatten the curves, improve the gradients, lay down heavier rails, put on heavier and more powerful engines and improved carriages and waggons, without interrupting traffic. We have followed this system for many years, and find it the only system that

il ensure success." He says that as he links the American system is not fully understood in Australia, he will furnish a second letter explaining it more at large, which letter when it arrives will, it is to be hoped, be profitably studied by all whom it may concern. For something certainly is to be learnt from the

DISTRICT COURT. — This Day. — Causes brought of *Waverley v. Hellyer*, *Poole v. Smith*, *Hip v. Johnson*, *Hoare v. Shirley*, *Allingham and wife v. Colles and wife*; *Robinson v. Caldwell*.

SYDNEY INFIRMARY.—Report for the week ending 14th October:—Admitted: 20 males, 16 females; total, 36. Discharged: 19 males, 14 females; total, 33. Died: 6 males, 2 females; total, 8. Remaining in hospital: 161 males, 79 females; total, 230. Subscriptions, &c., received, £38 7s.

closing yesterday. The police will now be on the ground for the discovery of defaulters.

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March 1912. The committee of the Rifle Association of the United Kingdom has announced the dates of the annual matches, as follows:—Monday, Friday, and Saturday, the 6th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, of December next. The published programme is so well planned and excellent that it is not necessary to say more of it, except as usual, very large. So divers in kind are the matches, that gentlemen whose skill as marksmen may not be quite sufficient to enable them to win prizes in the higher class matches may yet compete with the assurance of success in other of the events. The annual gathering of the Association will, as hereto, take place at the Rifle Range, Piddington, near Cambridge, to be commanded by the committee of the Association for the conduct and convenience of such as may be called upon to take part in the matches. As the number of competitors may be so all probability be numerous) who may be present in the capacities of victors or spectators. The prize in the form of opening prize of the year's competition will be £118 and £200, as compared with £125 the total of the first match prizes of the previous year; and any one who will take the trouble to enter this year's year's competition will find that in other matches than the one referred to there are proportionate additions to the amount of prize. The Volunteer who obtains the 2nd prize will receive £118, the 3rd prize £62, and the 4th prize £31. The 5th prize will be £15, and the 6th prize £7.50. The 7th prize will be £3.75, and the 8th prize £1.87. The 9th prize will be £0.93, and the 10th prize £0.46. The 11th prize will be £0.23, and the 12th prize £0.11. The 13th prize will be £0.05, and the 14th prize £0.02. The 15th prize will be £0.01, and the 16th prize £0.00. The 17th prize will be £0.00, and the 18th prize £0.00. The 19th prize will be £0.00, and the 20th prize £0.00. The 21st prize will be £0.00, and the 22nd prize £0.00. 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the other commanding this match, the following prizes will be given to the winning teams for the purchase of trophies. Five shots are allowed to each competitor at 300 and 600 yards, any position being allowed. The 15th match will be shot for the association to be shot for with two rifles (military or the 200 yards range). The competitors will be allowed to shoot 200 yards open to all comers, "any" rifle being permitted; competitors being allowed ten shots at each range. The 16th match is a handicap one for constabulary officers and the New South Wales Police. The ranges are 200 and 600 yards, with not less than and not more than seven shots at each range. At 200 yards the position is standing, and the competitors are to be in the 12th or Garrison Gun Match, three detachments from each battery, are to be allowed to compete, and there are to be three shots for each competitor. The 17th match is for the New River Garrison Gun Match. The sum of £20 is to be divided amongst those who hit the target and drop their shots between the target and the 100 yards mark. The 18th or Junior Association Rifle Match is to be shot for with the Henry rifle. Bagdad, Ireland, Newcastle, and Australia are each to have a representative and the range are 200, 600, and 800 yards, seven shots are to be allowed from any position. The 19th match is for trophies for the 100 yards range. The 20th match is for the 100 yards competition. The 15th match, and those who are allowed to compete therein may be bona fide schoolboys at the time of the competition. The 16th, or Program Rifle Match, is to be shot for with the 12th or Garrison Gun Match, and members

the association and New South Wales paramilitary force. The 17th march for prizes presented by Major Goodall, in response to such a challenge, was held at the 100th anniversary of Suburban Battalion, who have attended the greatest number of battalion parades during the year ending the 30th of June, 1871. This 100th anniversary of the formation of the company and members of the Volunteer Rifle who may have entered for but not won a prize to be first and second marksman. The 19th is a hand-picked company for the month of March. The 20th is a hand-picked rifle, held by No. 6 Company, will be presented to the company whose representatives have made the highest average score throughout the year ending the 30th of June. The 21st is a company in the proportion of 1 to 7 on the strength of the company. The next match is on volunteers for the mercantile prize. It is open to all companies, rifle, snaffle, and military. The 22nd is a prize for the best marksmen, and members of the association. Colonel Seymour presents two prizes to the highest average scores among the mercantile and military companies. The 23rd is the paramilitary prize. The programme includes the rules and regulations, in accordance with which everything connected with the matches is to be conducted.

last night, as this gentleman was inspecting the school building now in course of erection in connection with the St. Francis's Church, Haymarket, he unfortunately discovered the bodies of the two men lying in the gutter. The bodies were found by the policeman who was on duty at the time, and he immediately reported the discovery to the police station. The bodies were found in the gutter, and were found in the gutter, and were found in the gutter.

The ALBERT GROUND.—A few weeks back the committee of the Albert Cricket Ground, in anticipation of the coming season, made considerable improvements to the enclosure, especially with a view to increasing accommodation for visitors. On the slope at the western side of the ground a splendid terrace capable of seating 2000 persons has been built, and the new terrace affords a most beautiful view. The grass has grown sufficiently, the turf seats will be as comfortable as cushions, and every spectator will be able to see the play clearly. The new terrace affords a most beautiful view. The grass has grown sufficiently, the turf seats will be as comfortable as cushions, and every spectator will be able to see the play clearly.

was a brilliant-tale, and when the winter growth has disappeared and given place to the coarse grass, which rapidly recedes, the whole of the country will be a study of contrasts. In the pavilion, several new portraits have been unveiled, notably that of Mr. Alcock, one of the most distinguished members of the society. The garden is well kept and the Grand Stand considerably, and some alterations may be found necessary; and when these are carried out the Albert Road will probably be one of the best cricket grounds in the country.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—A carrier named Mahoney, in the employ of Mr. Anson Davis, met with a somewhat serious accident on the morning of the 10th inst. at the Marlborough railway station. It appears (says the Times) that he was leaving the goods-shed with his loaded team, and in coming through the gate he happened to strike the iron bar in the head of the truck, entering the calf of his

ing to a depth of about three or four inches towards the rear of the animal. The right leg was cut off at the joint, and the animal was carried on a stretcher up and conveyed to Mr. Mitchell's hotel, where the wound was bound up, and a messenger dispatched for Dr. Weir, who arrived in about half an hour.

LARGE KANGAROO. On Saturday, 5th instant, Mr. George Goss brought to Carver's the tail of an immense kangaroo, which he had killed in the neighborhood of his residence. The animal was (the Carver's statement) measured over six feet long, and the tail 3 feet 6 inches, and weighed about 10 or 12 lbs. Mr. Goss informed us that he had killed fifty-four (some of the Carver's statement says twenty) of these animals in a short space of time, and that he had sold about a quarter of a mile, within the day, brought the above animal to give us. Mr. Goss was alone at hand at the time, and we saw him the previous day.

PICNIC. On Saturday last the employees in

REMARKS.—Two errors occur in Mr. Buchanan's letter about the Census: for "a dining," with *Faraday*, read "a dinner," and "the" for "the."

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AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATED PRESS TELEGRAMS

ALTHOUGH amongst merchants and others
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YESTERDAY a large number of gentlemen went out to Hacking Creek to inspect the works of the Sydney Meat-preserving Company, which have recently been erected on

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declined, business done at 15s. 3d., 15s. 14d. 6d. Band and Albion weaker, the only transaction reported was at 80s. Coal shares command increased inquiry. Wallend was taken at 10, and wanted. The report that 9 had been paid for Waratah has brought forward sellers at that price. Shale Oil sold at 37s. 6d. and offered. There was very little doing in copper. Peak Downs changed hands at 45s. 9s. to 5s. 3d., and wanted at the higher rate. Western Peak Downs, 4s. 10s. 8s. The two latter offered at those prices. No transactions in tin.

130 tons of quartz from Brown's claim, Tambora, yielded at the rate of 1 oz. 15 dwts. per ton.

The New Trunking Conds G. M. Co.—At a meeting of the promoters' shareholders of this company, it was determined to form a company under the Limited Liability Act, with a capital of 21,000 £1 shares, paid up to 18s each. The following gentlemen were elected directors: Messrs. R. Jones, C. H. Humphreys, R. Holdsworth, C. H. Miles, and C. W. Weekes. Sufficient capital has been reserved to erect a crushing battery at once, and prosecute work at the mine with vigour.

Tried and tried of the shareholders of the Monte Christo G. M. Co. held this morning, it was resolved to increase the capital of the company to £33,000, represented by 33,000 shares of £1 each. According to this resolution each present scrip of £25 will be exchanged for 55 shares fully paid. Messrs. J. Hurley, M.P., and J. H. Neale, M.P., were requested to procure a draft deed of settlement to be submitted to a general meeting of shareholders, to be held on the 11th of November. Meantime work will be prosecuted at the mine as usual. The next crushing will take place in about a fortnight. The mining manager reports the stone as improving in quality and bearing a strong resemblance to that raised in the adjoining claim, which is Hays and Holtermann's.

Melbourn and Currie report the following yields of Victorian mines up to Saturday, the 10th of October: Hands and Bands, 100 oz. 2s. 7d. New North Churn, 450 oz. 10s. 6d. (of amalgam).

Grapholite and Southern Cross G. M. Co.—The mining manager reports that the tunnel by which these two companies are worked is now driven a total length of 100 feet. The country is changeable and unsettled, consisting of alternate beds of drift and sandstone, the latter carrying numbers of small quartz spears of the right nature but without any regular orientation or direction, showing that the works are still in broken country.

Hopeful G. M. Co.—The mining manager reports: "We have at last got through the hard bar that has given us so much trouble. We have now got into slate and sandstone, which is much better working than we have had, and the progress during this fortnight has been much more rapid. The tunnel is now in a distance of 90 feet 6 inches, and I think we shall be able to do still better next fortnight."

Tried and tried G. M. Co.—The mining manager reports: "The sinking of the shaft is progressing well, the contractors have sunk 25 feet, that is to say, half the depth of their contract. Our progress is as we get deeper are daily getting better. The present depth of No. 2 shaft is 122 feet."

STOCK AND SHARE LIST.—OCTOBER 15.

OFFICIAL SHARE BROKERS' PRICES CURRENT.

SHARES. Buyers. Sellers. Business done.

Australian Joint Stock Co. 121 121 121 121

City 94 94 94 94

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New South Wales 45 45 45 45

New Zealand 45 45 45 45

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INSURANCE.

General 165 165 165 165

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KEY TO THE LAST WAR.

(From the Russian Correspondent of the Times.)

Berlin, July 14.

More has been said about the comprehensive preparation made by General Moltke in anticipation of the late memorable campaign. The plans he is believed to have drawn up, the calculations he is supposed to have made in advance, have been so often discussed in the public Press that they have come to be regarded as so many positive and well-ascertained facts. Yet, until quite lately, there was nothing to support these popular fancies but the brilliant result of the war and the natural inference that such decisive victories could not be gained without a good deal of preliminary labour. Since Monday last, however, we have better testimony for the precautionary measures of the great strategist than the vague assumptions of an admiring public. On that day was issued, at Berlin, the first volume of the "Official History of the War," compiled from the materials of the Central Staff of the Army. In it is contained a memorandum drawn up by General Moltke in the winter of 1868, discussing the relative positions of Prussia and France at the outbreak of a war, then regarded as a near probability, if not, indeed, as a mere question of time. As before a General Staff to guard against all contingencies, the memorandum starts from the most unfavourable positions. It is based on the surmise that there may be war, and that at the beginning of the war Prussia will have to fight against all contingencies, the memorandum starts from the most unfavourable positions. It is based on the surmise that there may be war, and that at the beginning of the war Prussia will have to fight against all contingencies, the memorandum starts from the most unfavourable positions.

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